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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS INCLUDED IN DTSC LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2000, CONCERNING LANGUAGE IN RECORD OF DECISION FOR OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 2B, INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) SITES 2 AND 17, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above response to comments dated March 16, 2000 and received by this office on March 17, 2000. The response addresses DTSC comments regarding revised Section 7 (Description of Alternatives) and Section 10 (Statutory Determinations) in the Record of Decision (ROD) for IRP Sites 2 and 17. Specifically, the revisions in these sections addressed language regarding Environmental Restriction Covenants and Agreements. DTSC comments were forwarded to the Department of the Navy (DON) in a letter dated February 22, 2000.

The responses provided by the DON are acceptable to DTSC. DTSC also expressed the acceptability of the responses in our electronic mail message on March 22, 2000. We understand that the modifications identified in the response to comments will be included in the final version of the ROD.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving these issues. DTSC appreciates the DON's efforts to address these issues and we are hopeful that the agreements reached will

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facilitate our mutual efforts to finalize this ROD and future RODs at MCAS El Toro. Please contact me at (714) 484-5395 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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